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1. IN VIEW REFS A AND B ON COMMODITY BORROWING/REPAYMENT
PROBLEM ANTICIPATED BY COUNTRY TEAM IN NEGOTIATION OF TITLE
I AGREEMENT, AND BECAUSE THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN EARLIER
RAISED WITH GSL, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO OMIT REFERENCE
IN THE AGREED MINUTES OF THE TITLE I AGREEMENT TO THE
COMMODITY BORROWING/REPAYMENT STATEMENT CONTAINED IN
REF C'S PARA 7 SUB-PARA 2. HOWEVER, OUR VIEWS ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE TO THE USG SHOULD BE CONVEYED
ORALLY TO THE GSL DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE SUGGEST
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THAT AN INTERNAL MEMORANDUM RECORDING DISCUSSION OF THIS

ISSUE WITH GSL OFFICIALS BE PRESERVED FOR OUR FILES.

2. AGAIN, COUNTRY TEAM SHOULD REMIND GSL OF THE IMPORTANCE
OF MAINTAINING A TIGHT LID ON THE TITLE I PROGRAM PROPOSAL
UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONCLUDED AND THE AGREEMENT SIGNED.
POST IS ALSO REQUESTED TO FORWARD IN ADVANCE FOR WASHINGTON
REVIEW ANY PRESS RELEASE AND AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS OR
ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE TITLE I SIGNING. INGERSOLL

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